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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Robinson DATE TYPED 3/08/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Sheriff Office Terms & Qualifications, CA SB SJR 14

ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Minimal		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts with SJR 11

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 14 proposes to amend Article 10, Section 2 of the New Mexico state constitution to allow county sheriffs to serve 4 consecutive 4 year terms instead of only 2 consecutive terms and to require candidates to have graduated from a state or federal law enforcement academy. The proposed change is subject to approval by the voters.

Significant Issues

Currently, Article 10, Section 2 limits all elected county officers, including sheriffs to serving 2 consecutive 4 year terms. After 2 terms, the person is not eligible to hold another elected county office for 2 years.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs to put the proposed change on the statewide ballot would be minimal.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Joint Resolution 11 proposes to amend the state constitution to extend the term limits for all elected county officials to 4 consecutive terms.

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